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SECRETARY KISSINGER-FOREIGN MINISTER SAQQAF TEXTS (700)

INTRO:

FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF REMARKS AT RIYADH BY U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER AND SAUDI ARABIAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

SECRETARY KISSINGER'S TEXT

I WOULD LIKE FIRST OF ALL TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO HIS MAJESTY, AND FOR THE VERY WARM AND GRACIOUS RECEPTION WE RECEIVED HERE. HIS MAJESTY AND I REVIEWED THE STEPS THAT SEEMED FEASIBLE TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND I FOUND HIS MAJESTY UNDERSTANDING SUPPORTIVE. WE ALSO REVIEWED OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS EXPRESSED IN SEVERAL OF THE JOINT COMMISSIONS AND IN OTHER MATTERS, AND WE FOUND THEM TO BE EXCELLENT. NEVERTHELESS, WE DECIDED TO STRENGTHEN THE ALREADY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP EVEN FURTHER.

I EXPLAINED TO HIS MAJESTY OUR VIEW WITH RESPECT TO THE PRICE OF OIL AND THE IMPACT THIS CAN HAVE ON THE WHOLE STRUCTURE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY AND THE STABILITY OF THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM. HIS MAJESTY'S ATTITUDE WAS CONSTRUCTIVE AND ENLIGHTENED. I BELIEVE THE POLICY OF THE KINGDOM WILL BE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE DIRECTION KEEPING ALWAYS IN MIND THAT WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION MUST BE FOUND ON A MULTILATERAL BASIS AND CANNOT BE FOUND BY ISOLATED ACTION.

I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY THAT WAS GIVEN TO ME HERE TO EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH MY FRIEND, UMAR AL-SAQQAR, THE AUDIENCE THAT WAS GRANTED TO ME BY HIS MAJESTY AND I LEAVE HERE ENCOURAGED, AND WITH THE CONVICTION THAT I AM INDEED AMONG FRIENDS.

///END KISSINGER TEXT///

TEXT OF REMARKS OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
UMAR SAQQAF:

I WILL START WHERE MY FRIEND FINISHED. I ASSURE HIM THAT HE IS IN A FRIENDLY COUNTRY AND AMONG FRIENDS. WE ARE PROUD OF HIS FRIENDSHIP, AS MUCH AS SAUDI ARABIA IS PROUD OF ITS FRIENDS

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FRIENDLY COUNTRY AND AMONG FRIENDS. WE ARE PROUD OF HIS FRIENDSHIP, AS MUCH AS SAUDI ARABIA IS PROUD OF ITS FRIENDSHIP WITH THE U.S.

WE APPRECIATE THE GREAT EFFORTS WHICH OUR GREAT FRIEND IS EXERTING TOWARDS PEACE UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR WHOM WE HAVE GREAT APPRECIATION AND RESPECT.

WE SAY IN ARABIC "EACH THEOLOGIAN HAS HIS OWN SCHOOL OF THOUGHT." AT THE OUTSET IT USED TO HAVE INHIBITIONS, AND I MIGHT EVEN SAY DOUBTS, ABOUT THE METHOD FOLLOWED BY OUR FRIEND IN HIS PEACE MAKING EFFORTS. BUT WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME AND AS EVENTS UNFOLDED, I BEGAN TO BE SOLD ON HIS EFFORTS TOWARDS SOLVING PROBLEMS.

I AM NOT BEING A FLATTERER WHEN I PRAISE OUR FRIEND HENRY'S METHODS. BUT IT IS A STATEMENT OF FACT; SUFFICE IT TO REVIEW A CHANGE WHICH HAS OCCURRED DURING ONLY A FEW MONTHS IN THE WAY WE USED TO BE AND ARE NOW RECEIVED BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS.

STILL, WHILE I SAY THAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED A LOT, I MUST ADD THAT WE ARE STILL THE BOTTOM RUNG OF THE LADDER IN OUR EFFORTS. BUT WE BELIEVE THAT WITH THE GRACE OF GOD WE SHALL ACHIEVE PEACE IN THE AREA. PEACE BASED ON JUSTICE AND THE RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION.

AT THE SAME TIME WE FEEL WE HAVE ACHIEVED A WIDER COOPERATION ON A BILATERAL BASIS BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND THE U.S. IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THESE RELATIONS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN

STRENGTHENED AND REALIZED HAD WE NOT DISCERNED A CLEAR LIGHT POINTING IN THE DIRECTION OF A COMPLETE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF THE MIDDLE EAST -- A SOLUTION BASED UPON COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, INCLUDING JERUSALEM, AND THE RESTORATION TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE OF THEIR RIGHTS.

MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MY DEAR FRIEND HAS ALWAYS BEEN BASED ON FRANKNESS. TIME HAS PROVED THAT MUTUAL FRANKNESS IS THE ONLY PATH LEADING TO FRIENDSHIP AND SOLUTIONS.

DOCTOR KISSINGER HAS HEARD FROM HIS MAJESTY, THE KING, THE VIEWPOINT OF SAUDI ARABIA AND AN EXPLANATION OF SAUDI POLICY TOWARDS WORLD QUESTIONS AND TOWARDS THE PROBLEM OF THE AREA.

THIS POLICY AS EXPOUNDED BY THE KING IS NOT AN OVERNIGHT POLICY. IT'S THE TRADITIONAL TIME-HONORED POLICY OF SAUDI ARABIA. I WILL

CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO EXPLAIN THE DETAILS OF THIS POLICY WHETHER HERE OR OVER THERE DURING MY VISITS.

OUR COLLEAGUE, DOCTOR KISSINGER, SPOKE ABOUT THE QUESTION OF OIL. I WANT TO EXPLAIN THAT THE ATTITUDE OF SAUDI ARABIA ON THIS PROBLEM IS FRANK AND CLEAR. IT IS THERE FOR EVERYONE WITH EYES TO SEE AND EVERYONE WITH CLEAR EARS TO HEAR. SAUDI ARABIA IS FOLLOWING A POLICY ON OIL WHICH BESPEAKS A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE WELFARE OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY. AS PART OF THE WORLD, WE WANT TO BUILD THE WORLD AND NOT DESTROY IT. AND WE HOPE THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY COME TO APPRECIATE THE GRAVITY OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY AND THE IMPORTANCE THEREOF.

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OIL IS NOT EVERYTHING, BUT IT IS A GREAT THING. WE WILL CONTINUE IN THE DIRECTION OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE POLICY LAID DOWN BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING. IT IS THE POLICY OF COOPERATION, NEGOTIATION AND CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION, BETWEEN US AND FRIENDLY NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

DOCTOR KISSINGER HAS EXPRESSED ADEQUATELY HIS GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS OIL WHEN HE SAID THAT SAUDI ARABIA SHOULD NOT BE ISOLATED IN ITS OIL POLICY. BUT WE SINCERELY HOPE, AND IT IS OUR PRAYER, THAT ALL OF THE OTHER OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES WILL COME AROUND TO FOLLOWING THE POLICY OF SAUDI ARABIA.

I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR FRIEND DOCTOR KISSINGER AND ASSURE HIM OF OUR WELCOME EVERY TIME. WE ALSO APPRECIATE THE GREAT EFFORTS TOWARDS PEACE THAT OUR FRIEND IS ASSERTING AS WELL AS HIS FATHOMLESS KNOWLEDGE AND DEEP WISDOM. WE WISH HIM SUCCESS IN HIS TREMENDOUS EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PEACE ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. ALL I WISH TO SAY ON CLOSING THAT WE HOPE HE WILL TAKE A FEW MORE DAYS, NOT JUST A FEW HOURS, ON HIS COMING VISIT. BON VOYAGE AND GOOD LUCK. (END TEXT) ITEM

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